

## Financial Incentives for Sharing and Reorganizing/Dissolving

Students may be Eligible to be Weighted if:

- Attends class in another school district, or
- Attends class taught by a teacher employed by another school district, or
- Attends class taught by a teacher jointly employed by two or more school districts, or
- Attends class in a community college for college credit, or
- Attends class in a regional academy located in the district.

And Under Whole Grade Sharing (WGS):

- Attends class in another school district under a whole grade sharing arrangement, or
- Attends class taught by a teacher employed by another school district under a whole grade sharing arrangement, or
- Attends class taught by a teacher jointly employed by two or more school districts under a whole grade sharing arrangement.
- The 2005-2006 school year is the last opportunity to include WGS students for supplementary weighting.

Additional Weight

.48 for shared teacher or shared student (not whole grade sharing)

.10 for regional academy, up to total of 15 additional students,

Minimum additional students added is 10

Whole Grade Sharing Weight

.10 per student

Formulas

Shared teachers/students:

$(\# \text{ Students}) \times (\% \text{ Time}) \times (0.48) \times (\text{District Cost Per Student}) = \$$

Whole grade sharing:

$(\# \text{ Students}) \times (.10) \times (\text{District Cost Per Student}) = \$$

Regional academy:

$(\# \text{ Students}) \times (\% \text{ Time}) \times (0.10) \times (\text{District Cost Per Student}) = \$$

Maximum FTE students = 15

Minimum FTE students = 10

\$1 million maximum appropriation statewide

## **Eligibility Conditions**

### Shared Teacher/Student

- Student is eligible to be counted for supplementary weighting only if the district does not have a licensed and endorsed teacher available to teach the course(s) being provided.
- Students in districts that are "hosting" the programs are not eligible for supplementary weighting.

### Sharing Under Joint Employment

- Joint teacher evaluation process and instruments, and
- One single salary schedule.

### Sharing Under Community College Offered Classes

- Course must supplement, not supplant, high school courses,
- Course must be included in the community college catalog or an amendment or addendum to the catalog,
- Course must be open to all registered community college students, not just high school students,
- Course must be for college credit and the credit must apply toward an associate of arts or associate of science degree, or toward an associate of applied arts or associate of applied science degree, or toward completion of a college diploma program,
- Course must be taught by a teacher meeting community college licensing requirements,
- Course must be taught utilizing the community college course syllabus, and
- Course must be of the same quality as a course offered on a community college campus.

### Regional Academy

- Two or more other school districts send students in grades 9-12.
- A regional academy shall include in its curriculum two or more advanced-level courses, which are not vocational-technical courses.
- May include in its curriculum vocational-technical courses and a virtual academy.
- An advanced-level course is a course that is above the level of the course units required as minimum curriculum.

### Whole Grade Sharing (WGS)

Districts that were whole grade sharing in 2000-01 and those who were not.

If whole grade sharing in 2000-01:

Eligible for weighting for two years and if the district reorganizes carried into reorganized district for four additional years.

New whole grade sharing (not whole grade sharing in 2000-01):

Eligible for weighting for three years and if the district reorganizes carried into reorganized district for three additional years.

Conditions:

Joint board resolution to study reorganizing on or before July 1, 2006.

Submit annual progress report to School Budget Review Committee on or before August 1.

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### **Tax Payer Incentives**

Uniform levy reduced to \$4.40 per \$1,000 taxable valuation in the first year of reorganization or dissolution. Increased to \$4.90, \$5.15 in succeeding years.

Conditions:

District enrollment less than 600, students receives full reduction.

District enrollment greater than 600, maximum reduction is equal to reduction in districts under 600 students.